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Restoran tidak kena cukai gula

PUTRAJAYA – Cukai eksais 40 sen seliter ke atas minuman bergula yang bakal dilaksanakan pada 1 Julai depan tidak akan melibatkan minuman yang dibancuh dan dihidangkan di premis makanan seperti kedai mamak, warung dan restoran, kata Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad.

“Buat masa ini, kita (Kementerian Kesihatan) tidak mengawal selia kedai makanan itu.

“Perkara yang lebih baik adalah mendidik orang ramai supaya tidak mengambil minuman berwarna dan manis yang dihidangkan di restoran,”

katanya selepas merasmikan sambutan Hari Kesihatan Sedunia di Kementerian Esihatan di sini semalam.



DZULKEFLY

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditanya sama ada cukai itu akan dikenakan di premis makanan sedemikian memandangkan kandungan gula dalam minuman manis yang dibancuh lebih tinggi berbanding minuman manis yang dihasilkan di kilang.

Cukai eksais 40 sen seliter ke atas minuman bergula yang dikilangkan dalam bentuk pembungkusan sedia diminum sepatutnya mula dilaksanakan pada 1 April 2019 namun ditangguhkan kepada 1 Julai 2019.

Dalam Belanjawan 2019, cukai gula akan dikenakan ke atas minuman yang mengandungi gula melebihi lima gram bagi setiap 100 mililiter, begitu juga jus mengandungi lebih 12 gram gula bagi setiap 100 mililiter.

Dalam pada itu, Dzulkefly berkata, rang undang-undang Akta Kawalan Tembakau yang sedang dirangka kementeriaannya akan memasukkan juga kawalan ke atas nikotin, e-rokok dan vape selain rokok.

“Rang undang-undang itu akan menggariskan semua peraturan tentang e-rokok dan vape termasuk garis panduan penjualannya. Ia dijangka dikemukakan kepada pejabat Peguam Negara hujung tahun ini,” katanya. – Bernama



KERAJAAN menerusi Bajet 2019 mengumumkan akan memperkenalkan cukai eksais minuman bergula mulai 1 Julai ini pada kadar 40 sen seliter. – Gambar hiasan

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All for health: Dzulkefly (centre top row) officiating the World Health Day celebration at the Health Ministry Putrajaya. — Bernama

Tobacco Control Act likely to be out by year-end

PUTRAJAYA: A new law will be introduced by end of the year to cover regulations on all tobacco-related products and no-smoking zones.

“Essentially, the new law will include everything related to eCigarettes, vape and their entire supply chain and the dos and don’ts,” Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad told reporters.

The ministry, he said, was now drafting the new law which it hoped to complete by the end of the year before being submitted to the Attorney-General’s Chambers.

“The law will also entail the penalties to be enforced,” he said.

It is learned that the tentative name of the law is the Tobacco Control Act.

At present, laws to control tobacco products fall under the Food Act, while the Poisons Act governs vape products containing nicotine.

The new law will streamline control and enforcement on all tobacco-related products, including no-smoking zones.

Speaking to reporters after opening the World Health Day 2019 celebration here yesterday, Dzulkefly said there was no plan by the ministry so far to extend the impending sugar tax on eateries that make and offer sugary

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“We may study the possibility but there is no such plan at the moment.

“For now, it is better we emphasise on public education to reduce the intake of sugary drinks,” he said.

The sugar tax, which was delayed in its implementation from April to July, will see an excise tax of 40 sen per litre on sweetened beverages with more than 5g of sugar or sugar-sweetener per 100ml.

This includes carbonated drinks, as well as flavoured other non-alcoholic beverages.

The tax will also be imposed on juice or vegetable-based drinks with over 12g of sugar

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E-smoking law SOON

Health Ministry drafting law on use of electronic cigarettes, vaping devices

PUTRAJAYA: The use of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, and vaping devices will soon be regulated under new legislation that is being drafted by the Health Ministry.

According to Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, the draft is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

Among others, the new legislation will include penalties for unlawful use or consumption of such

products, Dzulkefly told a press conference after launching the World Health Day celebrations yesterday.

Cigarettes and other similar products such as cigarillos and cigars are now regulated under the Control of Tobacco Products Regulations (CTPR) 2004 as well as the Poisons Act 1952, with the latter relating to the use of products containing nicotine.

The new regulations could put vaping liquids in



Our front page story yesterday.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Lee Boon Chye told theSun that all tobacco products would eventually be covered under a single legislation.

"This will put cigarettes, e-cigarettes, heat-not-burn (HNB) devices and vapes under one umbrella," he said.

Tobacco companies also want the government to introduce "clear

the same category as products containing nicotine.

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MMA: Move shows govt's commitment to regulate tobacco trade

regulations" to govern the use of such products.

theSun reported yesterday that industry players were of the view that the CTPR did not adequately cover the marketing of e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products.

In an immediate response, Ipoh-based medical practitioner Datuk Dr Sharil Cik Mat lauded the government for the initiative, given the risk factors to health associated with smoking. "Smoking contributes to the high rate of lung cancer," he said.

"Children must also be educated on the hazards of smoking as some may develop the

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habit as they grow older," he added.

On another matter, Dzulkefly confirmed the prohibition against smoking in restaurants and eateries, under the Control of Tobacco Product (Amendment) Regulations 2008, will be enforced as planned in July.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Medical Association president Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim expressed support for the Tobacco Control Act to be introduced by year-end.

"This is indeed welcomed news. MMA fully supports this move by the government and looks forward to its successful implementation.

"We are pleased to hear that it will also be a comprehensive Act that will cover regulations on related products such as e-cigarettes and vape, as well as no smoking zones," he said.

"The health minister has been consistent in his efforts to enforce stricter regulations on tobacco and smoking in public places.

"The introduction of a standalone tobacco Act will indeed demonstrate the government's seriousness and commitment in regulating the tobacco trade, discouraging the smoking habit and reducing smokers in the country for a healthier Malaysia."



STANDING TOGETHER ... Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad and (on his right) WHO representative to Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore Dr Lo Ying-Ru Jacqueline during the launch of World Health Day celebrations at the ministry in Putrajaya yesterday. - **ASHRAF SHAMSUL/THE SUN**

Minister's son to be charged with drug abuse

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KUALA LUMPUR: The son of a minister who was earlier this year detained for drug abuse will be charged in court soon, according to Home Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the police, who had earlier received the pathology report of the suspect, have submitted the investigation paper to the Attorney-General's Chambers.

"Orders have been given to charge the

suspect in court. This will take place in the near future," he told Datuk Shamsul Anuar Nasarah (BN-Lenggong) in a parliamentary written reply yesterday.

Shamsul had asked why the result for the urine test conducted on the minister's son was taking so long to be produced.

Ahmad Saiful Islam Mohamad, 31, the son of Defence Minister Mohamad Sabu, was nabbed on Jan 5 in a raid in Jalan Ampang and tested positive for marijuana.

On the procedure for an individual who tested positive for drug, Muhyiddin explained

that the police have their own specific standard operating procedure and administration order in managing urine samples of the suspects.

He added that the time required to complete a report on the urine samples would be under the jurisdiction of the Pathology Department of the respective government hospitals, and would depend on the type of drug and amount of sample received.

When asked for comment yesterday, Mohamad said he would let the authorities decide on the next course of action.